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Claim No. 41.

Under Article 4. Treaty of 14th June 1866.
with Creek Indians.

The undersigned, Topley Stedam a
Freedman, and Native of the Creek Nation, and a
Refugee, loyal to the United States, ^{aged about 70 years.} being duly
examined and sworn, (he understanding, and
conversing in the English language:) deposes
and says: That whilst he was living on his place
near the Point, about three miles from Fort Gibson,
in the Creek Nation, and sometime in the month of
August 1863, he was compelled to abandon his home
in the night time by the Rebels under General Cooper.
That, at the time he so fled, he owned and possessed,
and did necessarily abandon and lose all the property
hereinafter enumerated, and that he has never since
recovered the same, or any part thereof: to-wit:

Three (3) Horses	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$200.00
Fifty (50) Head Stock Cattle	at \$10. each			500.00
Forty (40) Stock Hogs	" \$3. "			120.00
Three (3) Sheep.	" \$3 "			9.00

Making a total value of \$829.00.

Eight hundred and twenty nine Dollars. And
further this deponent saith not.

Topley Stedam, his
X mark

Subscribed & sworn to, at the Creek Agency, CN.
This 8th day of November, A.D. 1869.

[Signature]

W.H. Oat. Inf. Asst. Supt. Ind. Affs.
South. & Supter.

The undersigned, Linnah Grayson, and
Mitchell Beames, a Freedwoman and a Freedman, of
the Creek Nation, Loyal Refugees, being jointly, duly
examined and sworn, (they understanding, and
conversing in the English language,) do depose and
say: That, they are not interested in the claim of the
above named Sopley Stedam, in any personal or pecuniary
manner whatsoever; that they have heard the foregoing
affidavit read to them, and know its contents, and that
the same is correct and true; that, to their own knowledge,
the said Sopley Stedam did, at the time stated in his deposi-
-tion, own and possess, and did necessarily abandon and
lose all the property therein named, and in the manner
stated by him. And further these deponents do not say.

Linnah Grayson;

Mitchell Beames;

her
X
mark.
his
X
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me, at the Creek
Agency, on this 8th day of November A.D. 1869.

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Award.

The loss of property specified above is deemed established by the foregoing testimony. Also, the status of claimant. The amount claimed, however, is in some instances considered excessive. Upon inquiry it is found the values of the different kinds of property, at the time the loss occurred, ruled as follows:-

Horses:-	One at \$50 = + 2 @ \$25.00.	Each
Cattle:- Stock	5.00	"
Hogs:- Stock	2.00	"
Sheep:-	2.00	"

In consideration of these, and all other facts attainable, bearing upon the case, we believe it just and equitable to award this claimant, Topley, Stedam, One hundred and eighty six dollars.

\$186⁰⁰/₁₀₀.

W. B. Hazen

Brevet Major General U.S. Army.

Supl. Indian Affairs. Southern Superintendency

F. A. Smith

Captain U.S. Army.

Brevet Agent

Topley